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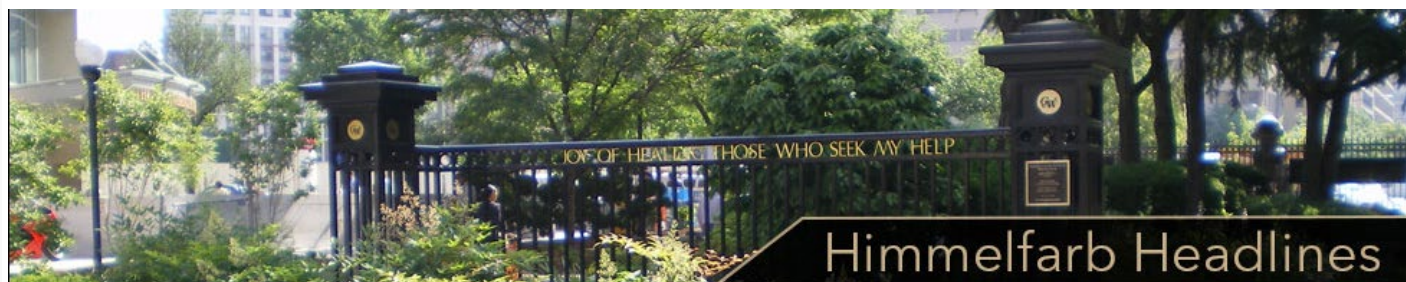
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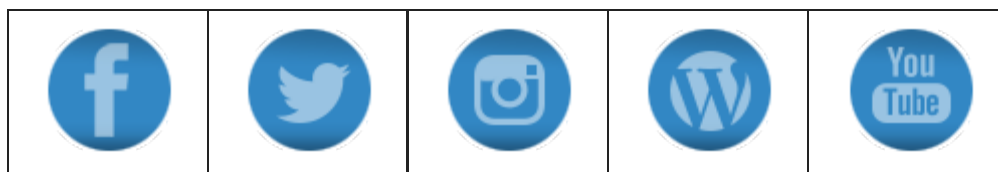


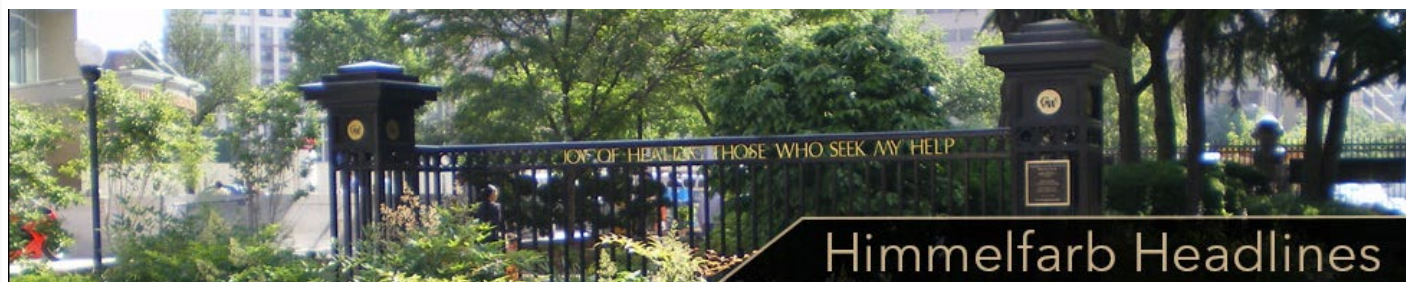
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Among the changes, new comfortable seating has been added to the Lobby and first and second floors. Coming soon: interactive anatomy software on the third floor! Thanks to the generosity of the GW Hospital Women's Board, students will have access to the BodyViz interactive anatomy program for self-study and small group use. Beginning in January 2020, you are invited to visit the third floor and interact with the 3D visualizations created from an extensive library of MRI and CT images. It should be fun and educational at the same time!

In the category of other news, Tom Harrod, formerly Reference and Instructional Librarian, has been promoted to Research Support Librarian. If you are a researcher who would like to work with a highly skilled librarian, contact Tom at [tph@gwu.edu](mailto:tph@gwu.edu). The Library's Scholarly Communications team has been meeting to plan webinars in the spring on topics related to research such as identity management and software for streamlining systematic reviews. Stay tuned for dates and times!

One area of high use for Himmelfarb patrons this fall has been the Consortium Loan Service (CLS), a resource-sharing program of the Washington Regional Library Consortium. Our

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patrons have borrowed over 800 books this semester through the CLS service. The CLS has clearly expanded access to resources for our patrons. We have also used the list of titles borrowed to identify and close gaps in our own collection.

You may also have noticed some updates to our e-resources. [DynaMed](#) debuted a sleek modernized interface to complement its routinely updated, evidence-based clinical information. You can access DynaMed via the web on a mobile-optimized interface, or you can download/install the [DynaMed](#) app (Apple or Google Play) to have DynaMed available to you at all times. We look forward to working with you in the spring on these and other projects!

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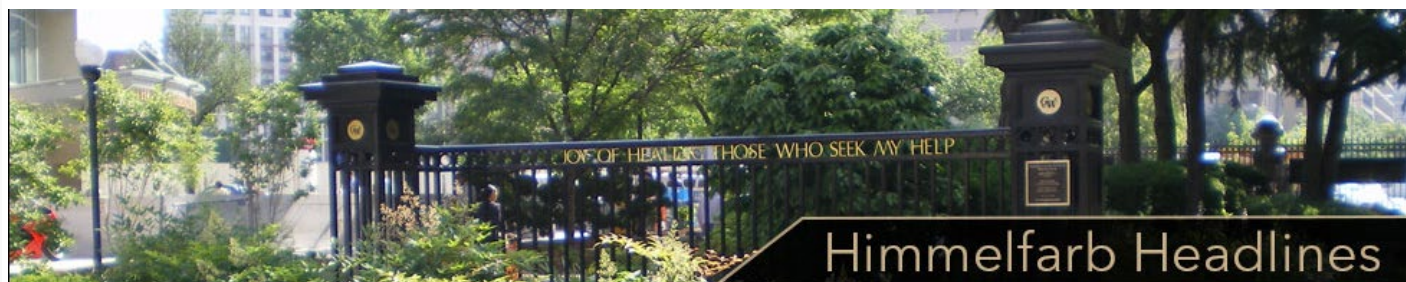
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Information currently provided by TOXNET will migrate to [PubChem](#), [PubMed](#), and [NCBI Bookshelf](#). Most of the content provided by this database will continue to be collected and reviewed, but where the information will be available is changing. TOXNET will migrate to other platforms on December 16, 2019.

For more information about where to access TOXNET information, refer to the [TOXNET transition page](#). This page provides detailed information about where to find specific information on topics including comprehensive toxicology information, chemical information, household product safety, occupational exposure to chemicals, and risk assessment information.

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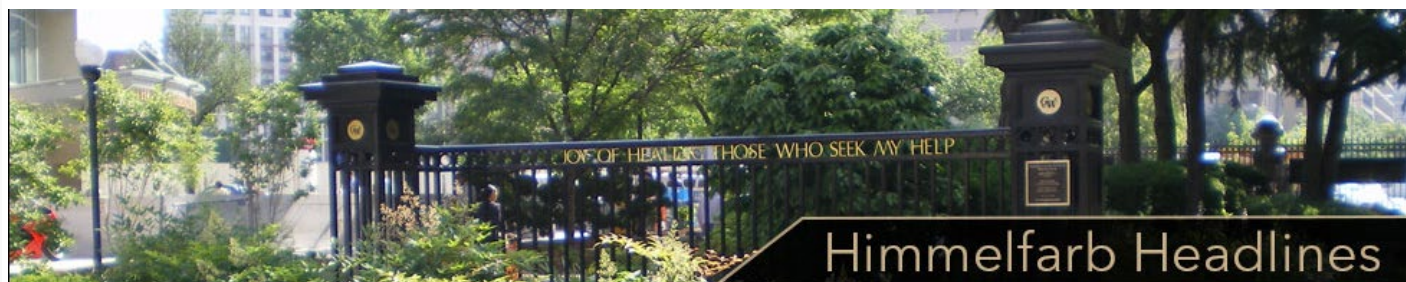
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Once installed, the software will be available for use in the Bloedorn Technology Center (BTC) in Himmelfarb Library. BodyViz will be displayed on an 86" monitor in the enclosed study area of the BTC. It can be used by groups or individuals, during any time the library is open. We are also looking forward to working with the Department of Anatomy faculty to integrate use of BodyViz into the curriculum.

Once we have finalized installation, we welcome you to stop by and take a look! Post-installation, John Lopez ([jlopez@gwu.edu](mailto:jlopez@gwu.edu)) will be the Himmelfarb Library contact for information and instruction on how to navigate BodyViz.

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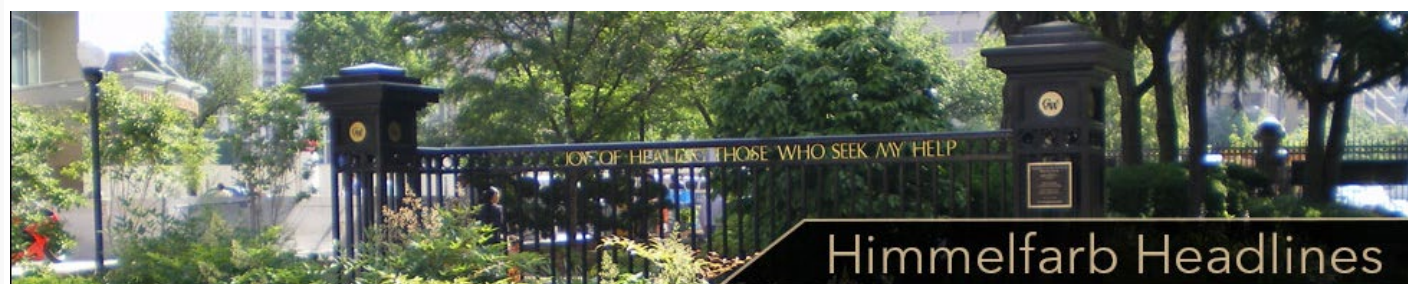
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"Against the Odds" was adapted from a larger exhibition that was display at the National Library of Medicine from April 2008 to December 2010. The NLM described the purpose of the exhibition as follows: "This exhibition raises awareness of the

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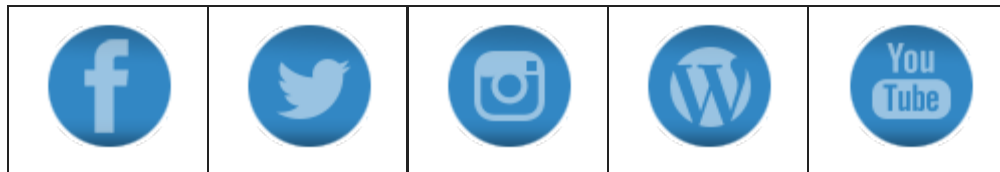
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sources and effects of health inequalities and invites each of us to join the global campaign for health and human rights. The experiences described here constitute a legacy of success, often based on the simplest means. Working together, we can make a world of difference."

NLM also offers an [online version of the exhibition](#) with online activities and ways to get involved in global health topics of interest.

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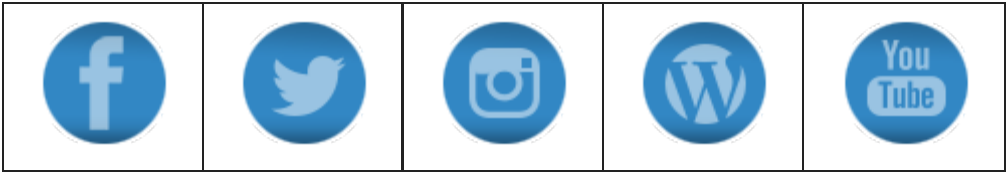
- Systematic and scoping reviews
- PubMed, NCBI resources and other specialized databases
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Tom is happy to meet individually with faculty and student researchers to identify collaborators, partners, and research opportunities. You'll continue to see Tom on the reference desk and teaching classes as well. You can contact Tom at [tph@gwu.edu](mailto:tph@gwu.edu) or (202) 994-3683.

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## DynaMed

Did you see DynaMed's new design? It's optimized for mobile use now! Available for both Apple and Android users, DynaMed is an evidence-based clinical information tool that can be used on your computer or mobile device. Covering 34 medical specialties, DynaMed provides you with updated point-of-care clinical and drug information!

You can access the App from the [Himmelfarb App Shelf](#).

DynaMed can be also be found on GooglePlay for Android users.



## Fresh off of the printer!

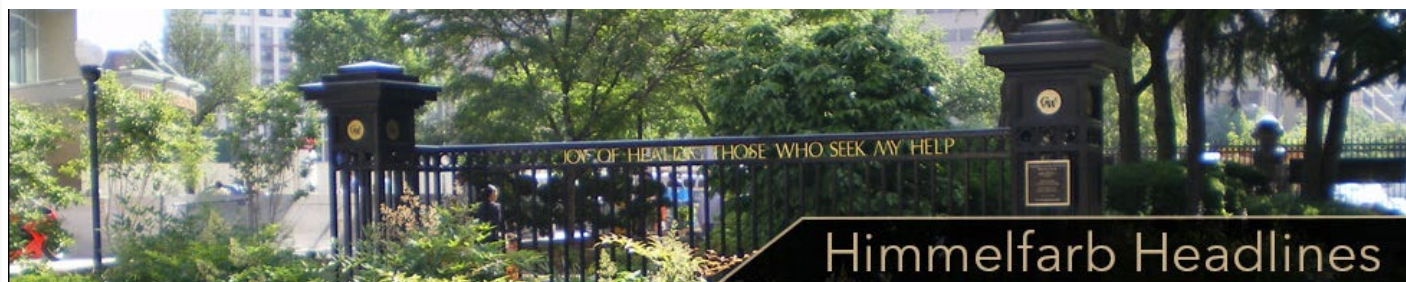
Since acquiring our 3D printer, our users have been printing some fantastic items! Having trouble visualizing the anatomy items you are studying? Why not print out a model of it to get a better understanding of how it may function?

No references available? No problem! Himmelfarb has access to [several repositories](#) filled with 3D models that are related to biomedical sciences, anatomy, prosthetics, and even models of the heart you may use. For any additional information on our 3D modeling process, check out our 3D printing guide, listed above.

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#### What brought you to Himmelfarb Library?

I got my Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland and for the previous four years, I worked at the National Gallery of Art Library. The announcement for this job talked about a lot of things I'd done and had been interested in doing—collection development, resource sharing, collaboration. I had a background in most of these things but hadn't worked in a health sciences library before. So that seemed like a new and exciting challenge, combined with elements of librarianship that I knew well.

#### Tell us about your current position and what you do?

As the Acquisitions and Resource Sharing Librarian at Himmelfarb, I am responsible for selecting and purchasing print and electronic books, as well as managing budget accounts for those materials. I also act as a Library Instructor for students in the Practice of Medicine course. I've yet to come into some of my roles, but as I do, I'm seeing more of the 'whole' of my job and giving more thought to how I can help Himmelfarb manage its collection and keep that collection relevant for our patrons.

#### What about your job do you enjoy most?

Finding new books to purchase and getting first crack at the

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books when they arrive. I also enjoy the variety of duties I've inherited. It was a lot to process at first—and still is—but no two days are the same and that's been very gratifying. There's always something to do and to learn.

### **What's the best thing about working at Himmelfarb?**

The people. The openness and helpfulness of librarians is one of the best things about this field and from day one, the people here have been so giving of their time and knowledge as I take on my new duties and acclimate to the job. And the energy from students and faculty—within the library and in the classroom—is contagious and keeps me on my toes.

### **What's been the biggest challenge?**

Adjusting to the Library Instructor role and working with students in the classroom. The students are brilliant and it can be daunting. But it's also been a fascinating experience watching them work collaboratively with one another and reminds me of who we serve.

### **What do you like to do in your time away from work?**

I love relaxing with my wife and daughter. We have a one-and-a-half year old who likes to put us through our paces. Because I'm a librarian, I love reading (primarily history or fantasy/sci-fi). I also enjoy watching baseball and, when I get time to myself, I like to settle down with a good video game.

### **What jobs have you held previously that prepared you for your work at Himmelfarb?**

All of my library jobs have been academic in nature, so I'm familiar with (and relish) the energy that come with academic librarianship. I previously worked at the National Gallery of Art Library, primarily at the Circulation Desk, though I also took on roles with Interlibrary Loan and collection management.

Additionally, I undertook some inter-departmental projects that focused on resource management and usability. Art libraries and health science libraries are different from one another, but collection development has common threads across disciplines that inform my work and I've already started applying that knowledge in my selection of books. And my early library experiences were on campus libraries at both of my alma maters, American University and the University of Maryland, so I'm experienced in working with students.

### **Where are you from originally and what brought you to the DC area?**

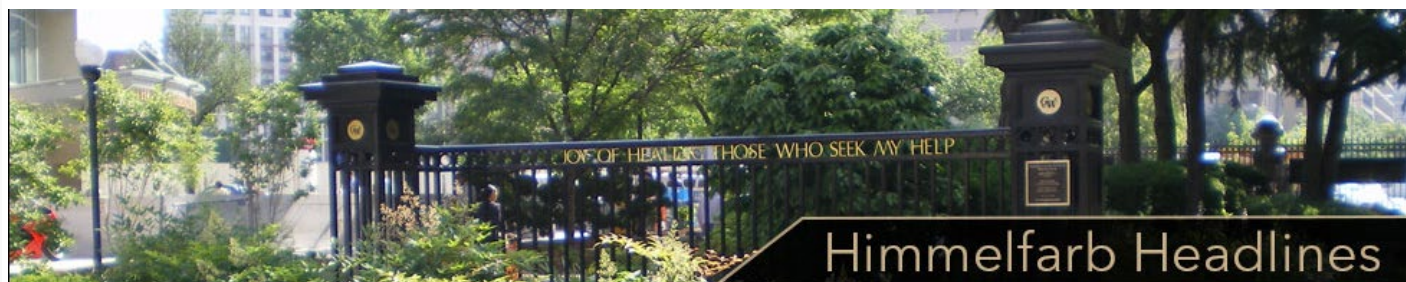
Growing up, my family moved a lot, but we were primarily in the DC area and I've been living here since college, so a little over fifteen years now. The weather notwithstanding, I enjoy living here.

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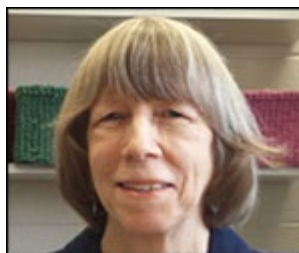


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#### **Tell us a little bit about yourself, your current position, and why you decided to pursue a career in your field.**

I am currently a Professor of Pathology and Medicine in the Department of Pathology.

I have a clinical service role in Surgical Pathology at the George Washington University Hospital and I occasionally see patients as a Liver Specialist in the Department of Medicine. I am also active in research and Director of the Research Pathology Core Lab that provides histopathology services to research investigators in the GW community.

I have also had a significant role in my department as an educator in the preclinical medical curriculum, previously as Director of the Pathology Course and now as the Discipline Director for Pathology. More recently, I have taken on the role of Associate for Faculty Development & Education Research in the Center for Faculty Excellence, with responsibilities in the Academy for Education Scholars.

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### **How did you become interested in your field?**

I have always been very interested in the relationships between structure and function in the body and how the relationship is affected by processes to result in clinical manifestations of disease. Pathology is a discipline that is focused on understanding the correlations between structure and function from a research perspective into the pathogenesis of a disease and from a clinical perspective in studying the tissue pathology to provide a diagnosis for the patient. A focus on liver disease was inspired by my mentors during medical school and residency. An excitement about education was sparked by my enthusiasm to tell students the wondrous things in medicine that I was privileged to know.

### **What brought you to GW?**

GW offered me the opportunity to combine my interests in research, education and clinical service and provided excellent opportunities for me to continue to develop and to advance those interests.

### **What has been your most memorable moment and biggest professional challenge?**

My most memorable moment at GW was completion of a Master Teacher certificate and Doctorate in Education in 2015, with support of the many medical students who participated and helped in my research on the effectiveness of methods in medical education. My biggest professional challenge in recent years has been to create the best possible integration of Pathology content into the design of the new integrated curriculum in a way that allows students to appreciate how much the learning of pathology can help them to understand disease processes in medicine...and to find excitement and joy in the learning.

### **What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?**

The library has been a necessary and important resource to my work at GW, including staff that have provided their skill and experience to collaborate in projects involving medical education. The staff has insured that access to up-to-date resources is as easy as possible, includes software and tools that are cutting-edge, and includes those resources that are expected to be of the greatest value to students and faculty.

### **Whom do you admire?**

I most admire the several role models and mentors that have helped me in my professional growth; including Dr. Frank N. Miller in Pathology at GW. Their evident dedication and passion for pathology, medicine and teaching have been an important inspiration.

### **How do you spend your free time? (or What do you**

**do to relax?)**

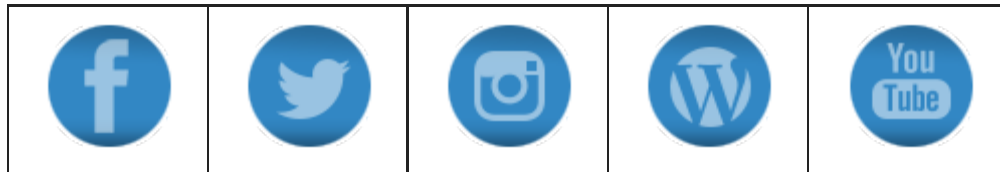
In my free time, I enjoy rowing a scull and participating in music and dance.

**What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?**

I would advise new faculty members to be open to opportunities that support long term goals and to actively look for those opportunities.

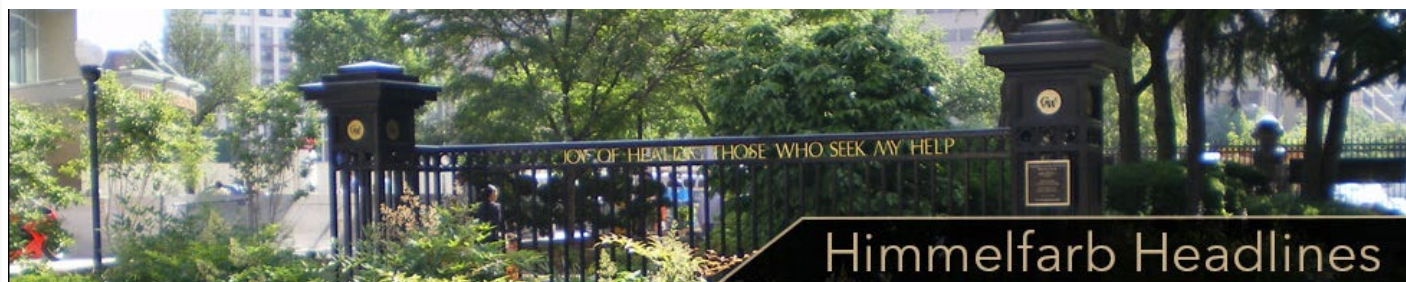
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### What brought you to GW?

I originally came to GW for undergrad to study International Affairs, but then I fell in love with Public Health and decided to stay to get my MPH.

### Are there any memorable research or special projects you have participated in while at GW?

I am currently working on a research project to study the impact of an educational curriculum on the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and water among low-income populations in the DMV.

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**As you reflect on your years at GW, can you share a favorite Himmelfarb Library memory or experience you found to be the most useful?**

My favorite memory would be laughing with friends during study breaks.

**What's been the most unexpected, surprising or challenging experience as a GW student?**

The more I learn, the less I know. While I learn more about concepts in my field, my interests broaden. This has become a challenge for me in selecting a potential career path.

**What are your plans after GW?**

I plan to work in public health in the DMV area. I have specific interests, but am keeping an open mind!

**When you are not studying - What are your hobbies, interests or special things you like to do during your down-time?** I love cooking, doing yoga, and I am an amateur plant mom.

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